

Appl. No. 10/708,047  
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## REMARKS

### 1. Claim Amendments:

- 5 The claims are amended in an effort to place the application in condition for allowance.  
No new matter is entered.

Claims 2-15 have been found allowable but objected to by the Examiner. Accordingly:

- 10 Claim 1 is amended to contain all limitations of claim 2. Dependent claims are amended or cancelled accordingly.

Claims 27-38 are introduced. Claim 27 represents previously presented claims 1 and 5 merged, and claims 28-38 being appropriate dependents.

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Claims 39-46 are introduced. Claim 39 represents previously presented claims 1 and 13 merged, and claims 40-46 being appropriate dependents.

In addition, claims 18 and 24 have been cancelled.

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Since all amendments are made to incorporate allowable subject matter, the applicant respectfully requests that all pending claims be allowed.

### 2. Rejection of claims 16-26 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph:

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The phrase "...or other substitute materials" has been removed from these claims and is also not present in any of the new claims.

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Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

**3. Rejection of claims 1, 16, 18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Brunner et al. (US 6,645,783):**

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Claim 1 has been amended to include all limitations of objected to but allowable claim 2.  
Claim 16 depends on the amended claim 1.

Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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**4. Rejection of claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brunner et al. (US 6,645,783) together with admitted prior art:**

Claim 24 has been cancelled.

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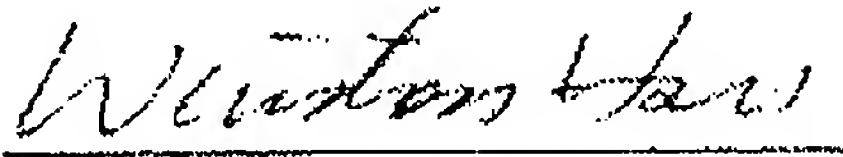
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